

Painting Exhibition

Title: Father and Son Artists: Md Hosne Jamal and Md Sabid Osman Time: May 14-20 Venue: Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

Dance Drama Festival

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Time: May 12-18, 7:00 pm Venue: The first floor of the Art Gallery Bhaban of the academy, Shegun Bagicha, Ramna May 15 Shonai Madhobh May 16 Nakshikanthar Math May 17 Shurjomukhi Nadi May 18 Mahua

Film Show

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2 Time: Mondays & Thursdays, at 6:00

May 17 Sangam May 20 Mr & Mrs Iyer Mav 24 Namak Halal May 27 Dil Chahata Hai May 31 Rangeela For Complimentary tickets contact Rajib Bhattacharya (8820243-7, 9888789-91)

Book Launching

Title: Golapshangraho (Rose Author: Abdus Shakur Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House

275/F, Road 27 (Old), Dhanmondi

Time: May 16 at 6pm

Educationists Dr Anisuzzaman and Zillur Rahman Siddigi, and poet Shamsur Rahman, will speak on the



Photography Exhibition

Photographers: Laura. Rumi. Mushtague and Naser Venue: Alliance Française Duration: May 03-31

Award

Recognising children's literature

Uro Cola award given to Zafar Iqbal, Ali Imam and Milon

HARUN UR RASHID

HAT is the status of children's literature in Bangladesh? Most writers consider it hard to write

for children. Many of them even do not venture in this arena for fear of being 'labelled' as children's writers. In their view, children's literature is 'light veined' and does not have the potential of being serious literary work. Again, when it comes to the publishers, business is their first priority: Books for children often turn out expensive which is a major hurdle for good sales, they reason. Moreover, there is little patronage in this sector.

These were the sentiments of the speakers at the award giving ceremony of Uro Shishu Shahitya Puroshkar (Uro Children's Literature Award) 2004.

The event took place at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club on May 13. Organised by Bangla-

Muhammad Zafar Igbal

I feel proud that I have been awarded an honour that

was given to three eminent litterateurs--Humayun

Ahmed, Selina Hossain and Rabeya Khatun--last year.

Children's literature is an important area. However, it is

a very neglected sector. I remember that our childhood

was colourful and fanciful with the books of Deb

Shahitya Kutir and other publishing houses. But today

fear they would be labelled as 'children's writers'.

the illustrations. I want to share this honour with him.

children's books are few. Many writers do not write for the young because they

I also want to point that the illustrators also have a share in the popularity of

books since young minds are always attracted to the colourful pictures. In my

Doshshi Kojon, for which I have been given this award today, Sheikh Afzal did

Imdadul Haque Milon

My career as a writer began with a story for children. The name of the story was Bondhu. I have also edited a children's page in a newspaper.

Regarding the crisis in children's books, I wish to point out that the publishers, too, are not always interested in publishing children's books. Both writers and publishers should come forward in this regard. I

also urge the government to sanction a subsidy on children's books.

desh Shishu Shahitya Shangstha Director of Bangla Academy, Dr (Bangladesh Children's Literature Monsur Musa, litterateur Selina Association), this year's awards Hossain, and proprietor of Somov Prokashan, Farid Ahmed spoke on were handed to three very popular writers of the country--Muhammad the occasion. Farid Ahmed pointed out some Zafar Igbal for his novel Doshshi Kojon (Adventurous Few), Ali Imam for his educational book Manob Shobbhotar Itihashey (In the History

of Human Civilistation), and

Imdadul Haque Milon for his collec-

tion of stories Chhotoder Unish

Rokom Galpo (19 Kinds of Stories

for Children).

Ali Imam

I can visualise myself as a boy, weak from asthma and other physical hazards, who was growing up in the mofussil environment of Brahmanbaria. I could not participate in sports like others of my age. It was at that time when I suddenly discovered the children's magazine Shuktara. This magazine changed my world. It took me to places unknown; it gave me the taste of

adventure. Ghona da [a character created by writer Premendra Mitra] waved at me and I used to go out with him and discover the mysteries of places like Amazon jungles. 'Don't kill animals', 'Plant trees alongside roads'--I used to read the teachings of King Ashok who preached these sayings 3,000 years ago. And the emotions of love and sympathy for everything in this universe grew in me. Books have made me and my generation into human beings. This emotional aspect is missing in today's children. They are much smarter, no doubt. But if we want our children to grow as human beings, there are no alternatives to books.

major problems he has faced as a publisher of children's books. 'Firstly, most of the books, which are considered as children's literature.

recipients of the award were renowned litterateurs Humavun Ahmed, Rabeya Khatun and Selina

are actually suitable for the adoles-

cents, not exactly children,' he said.

Another major difficulty in publishing

children's books is using colourful

illustration. 'Illustrations, which

writers often demand, always

increase the production cost and the

Bangladesh Children's Litera-

ture Association (BCLA) gives the

award annually to the authors of

three best books for children pub-

lished during the Ekushey Book

Fair. Sponsored by Globe Soft

Drinks Ltd.'s product Uro Cola, the

award comprises a certificate, a

crest and an amount of Taka 10,

000. Launched last year, the first

price of the books,' he said.

Concert

Heart warming return to the motherland

AFSAR AHMED

have performed in many countries but my performances in the motherland are always different and exotic." exclaimed Mitali Mukharjee, the famous ghazal singer, during her recent performance at Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Being married to the renowned Indian chazal singer, Bhupinder Singh and settled in India, does not prevent her from being nostalgic when she comes to Bangladesh. Describing herself as 'your daugher', she tells the audience, that she has brought her son along to introduce him to this coun-

With the ghazal Ye bahar ka zamana, ye hasin guloke saath mujhe daar hai she started the show. Then she rendered one of Cheraag Hasan's ghazals Ek ishq ka gham aafat, aur uspey ye dil aafat. She dedicated the last sher (verse) of this song to the wives present there. This piece went down well with the appreciative audience.

'I have been listening to Mehdi Hasan from my early days, 'said Mitali and sang some pieces of Mehdi Hasan's ghazals. While singing Hum ko gham nehi tha she added an extra sher to this song. Haazar gham milengey ek khushisey pehley this line of the song was dedicated to herself. This verse was inspired by a harrowing 32 hour-wait at Kolkata International Airport, as the pilots of Biman Bangladesh Airlines were on strike.

Raho pe nazar rakhna, Mehfil to ajnabi thi, Akar meri khwab mein tum neh jo muskorah diya, Allahi



Mitali conquered the hearts of Dhaka audience

Allah kia karo, Ek bewafaki yaad mein were some of the ghazals rendered on the evening. She also sang Ei meri dost meri pyar ki kismet likh dev which is one of her favourite numbers of her recent album.

The iugalbandi of tabla and flute during the ghazals was remarkable. The performers were Musharraf Azad on tabla, Sunil Gupta on flute, Sanjay on keyboard and Rocket on The girl from Mymensingh and

now Indian citizen, Mitali, on popular request, performed some Bangla hits too. While she started the popular song Ei duniva ekhon to aar shei dunyia naithe audience burst into clapping. Then she also sang Ami takdum takdum bajai, Harano din-er moto, Bandhugo tumi amar jaaner theka jaan, Srabono ei shondhay, Choturdolatey bodhu, Tomar Chandana morey gechhey, Je tuku shomoy tumi thako kachhey and

Another ghazal singer, Manjurul due to his illness could perform only one song. The concert was organised by

World Vision, Modabber Hossain Chowdhury, the Secretary of Cultural Affairs, greeted the singer with a bouquet. In the final reckoning, the concert was well worth waiting for despite a delay of one and half-

Silver screen

18th anniversary of Zahir Raihan Film Society

SABBIR CHOWDHURY

UBAN national cinema is considered one of the best in the world. In 1959, just three months after the country's final victory over Batista's dictatorship, the Cuban Institute of Film Art and Industry, ICAIC, was established to train young 'would be' filmmakers. And it had a positive impact on them. Since then Cuban national cinema has spanned 45 years and has produced some of the finest films in the Hispanic America. Some of these may even compete for alltime best films. Cuban cinema

by its social commitment and innovation. It represents on the celluloid the daily realities of life in Cuba as well as its past history. Often films are set in the past to show its difference with the present. Unlike most of the countries in the world, the percentage of the cine-goers in Cuba is extremely high and formidable. This is not only because of the large number of cinema halls situated in the cities and towns, but also because of the mobile cinema units that go to the remote villages. Entire population has an access to films. Almost each of the films gets back its production cost from the local Tomás Gutiérrez Alea and others

had studied filmmaking at the Centro Sperimentale della Institute in Rome, back in the 1950s. They brought back with them the ideals and inspiration of the Italian 'Neo-Realism', the cinema of underdevelopment. They founded ICAIC The first film in Cuba was made

in 1897, almost immediately after the invention of cinema in Europe in 1895. And the socially committed political films date back to 1939. The . pre-Revolutionary Cuban films used to deal with overtly melodramatic themes and subjects. The Revolution of 1959 changed the concept of cinema and filmmaking. Cinema no longer is a means of entertainment, it is primarily and essentially, a means of educating and shaping the collective psyche. This change was witnessed by

world renowned documentary

in 1961. He found fertile ground for his radical concept of social documentary as a hammer with which to shape reality. The Cuban cinema provides both history and social cohesiveness. Cuban cinema celebrates the lives of the ordinary people -- their emotional, economic and socio-political realities.

filmmaker John Grierson as early as

Apart from filmmakers such as sense of place and belonging.

Zahir Raihan Film Society, the country's leading film club, celebrates its 18th anniversary (May 16, 1986 May 16, 2004) with the screening of 15 Cuban films. These films, considered among the best films produced in the New Cuban Cinema, were made between 1966 and 2003. These films will be screened at the Goethe Institute Dhaka at Road No. 9, Dhanmondi, from May 16- May 20, 2004, with three screenings each day: at 3.30 pm, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Tribute

Remembering Shawkat Osman

Danrkak holds a commemorative meeting

NOVERA DEEPITA

O mark the seventh death anniversary of the acclaimed Bangladeshi author, Shawkat Osman, little magazine Danrkak recently arranged a commemorative meeting at the Liberation War

Chaired by eminent poet Shamsur Rahman, many renowned poets and writers of the country went back in time to recall old memories of Osman

The leitmotif of the meeting was the strong essence of hatred and protest against evil and injustice in the orks of Osman. The speakers also suggested that the

Author Selina Hossain expressed the hope that the



8:00

younger generation will keep alive the legacy of Osman and follow his ideals. In her words: 'Shawkat Osman was secular, open hearted and a strong believer in

against evil and uncertainty. When will I get the time to practise creativity?' Mohammad Rafique regretted this phenomenon and pointed this out as a universal problem for all creative people in the country. Painter Hashem Khan also reconstructed his old days with Osman by saying: 'I have been moved by many of Osman's characters like Abbas, who leaves his ancestral roots to become established in life.' He also suggested that such programmes should be held outside Dhaka so as to acquaint people with the ideals of the great litterateur.

to the litterateur by presenting the commemorative nan, the book was published on the very day of the

some of his satiric rhymes on different political issues and Shamsur Rahman.

Gupta, writer Mushtafa Muhammad and writer Nazrul Alam also spoke on the occasion.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm. . News (English) at **3:00 pm. 10:00 pm**.

Late Night News (Bangla and English) CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 7:15 am. 9:00am

News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and

English) at 11:30 pm. **ATN BANGLA** News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and

Latest News (Bangla) at 9 a.m,10:00

am, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

English) at 11:30 pm.

ntv News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 5:00 pm. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 7:30 pm.10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and

7:30 pm.

English) at 11:30 pm

Every hour on the hour

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30

Tritiyo Matra 09:45

11:30 01:00 01:30 reaction Manna) Banglar Gaan

04:00 05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:45 FCT Business Talk Music Plus Banijjo O Orthoniti 07:55 Teen Tala 09:35 Bachelor

10:00 Drama Serial ntv Aaiker Shakal 08:00 08:30 Chena Sur 09:00 Sangskriti Ei Shoptaho Museum Around The World

10:02 Hello Music 10:30 Arshi Nagar 11:00 Andhokarer Phul Magazine Sequence 12:02 Drama Serial: Ronge 02:30 03:05 Tele Film:

Right Click

TARA BANGLA NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm 05:10 Horlicks Genius 05:40 Apnar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhva 06:50 Khabor Deshey Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 Deshey Drama Serial: **BBC WORLD**

08:50

09:40

CHANNEL-i

Chithi Pelam Live telecast: A Ebong Cinemar Gaan Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh and public Bangla film: Raju Mastan (Maushumi

Drama Serial: Sharey Special Programme or

Drama Serial

1:45 The Killing Yard STAR MOVIES 10:00 Fields 11:45 Earth

Hellraiser lii: Hell On The Boxer Mulholland Drive 3:10 5:30 Replacement Killers **About A Boy** 8:45 Twister 10:40 The Ticket 11:15 The Boxer

11:25 Dindarpan **ATN BANGLA**

10:15 Annodrishti Lal Neel Beauni Uro Cola Saat Rang

robe na Annodrisht 08:00 Danish Pothey Pothey 08:30 09:00 Sinbad

HBO

Osmosis Jones 1:00 13th Child: Legend of the Jersey Devil Volume I Jimmy Neutron, Boy Red Sonja 6:30 Charlie's Angels 8:30 Daylight 10:45

Almostfamous

Man From Elysian

Drama Serial: Shapno Feature Film: Criminal Drama: E duniya phana hobe kichhu

The Adventures of 10:30 Adibashi Janapad

The Wind in the 9:15 Willows 11:00

> MGM The Music of Chance The Commissioner 4:30 Iron Maze The Screaming Room 7:00 Ocean Tribe Spy Thrillers Robinhood Price of 9:30

Lewis) 11:30 ZMS 2 ZEE CINEMA Patthar Ke Phool

(Salman Khan Reveena Tandon) Chalte Chalte (Shahrukh Khan, Ran Mukherjee) Baadshah (Sharuk Khan, Twinkle Khanna Khiladiyon Ka Khilad (Akshay Kumar

Raveena Tandon)

Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, Cuban cinema has produced committed filmmakers such as Humberto Solás, Santiago Alvarez, Manuel Octavio Gómez, Sara Gómez, Sergio Giral, Manuel Pérez, Juan Carlos Tabio, Fernando Pérez, and others. Their films present memory, ideals and drama, along with idiosyncratic humour and a powerful

Tomás Gutiérrez Alea (1928-1996), considered the greatest Cuban filmmaker, in his films such as Death of a Bureaucrat (1966), Memories of Underdevelopment (1968) and Guantanamera (1994), describes life in Cuba in subtlé often comic ways. Alea was able to explore his own complicated relationship with the Cuban Revolution: while working within the system, he always criticised its shortcomings, insisting on public discourse.

Lucia, by Humberto Solás, is a film in three episodes. Each of its episodes treats a different stage in Cuba's struggle for liberation, both from within and without, and each is filmed in a style appropriate to the period it describes.

writer be honoured at the National level

democracy who never compromised against his Poet Muhammad Rafique quoted one of Osman's eternal words; 'I spent most of my life struggling

Educationist Selina Bahar Zaman paid her tribute

book on Shawkat Osman to the chairman of the programe Shamsur Rahman. Edited by Selina Bahar Jafis Osman, the son of Shawkat Osman, recited

like mass arrest and biggest ever ammo haul in Chittagong. Reciters Rupa Chakroborty and Ishita Hossain recited from the write ups of Shawkat Osman Among others, poet Rafique Azad, poet Shamsudra

PICK OF THE DAY

10:50 03:45 04:20

Bajpakhi On ATN Bangla at 8:30 pm **Drama Serial** Tarek Anam, Mamunur Rashid

Thieves (Daniel Day

Almost Famous On HBO at 11:15 pm Genre: Drama / Comedy / Music Billy Crudup, Frances McDormand

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TARA BANGLA

Chhakbaii

Test Drive

Show Case

Dekhechil

Chhakbaii

Tulkalam

Spl Event

Hoi Hullod

Kids: Sci Fi

DISCOVERY

Khabar Aaj Rate

Popular Mechanics for

Surer Akashey

Post Mortem Rpt

Khabar Aaj Bikele

Tara Business News

Chokher Alov

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Hanrir Khabar

Esho Amar Ghare

House to Home

History Weekend

Madhur Jaffrey's: Punjab

History Weekend: Slow

History Weekends

History Weekend:

Hidden History of Rome

Discovery Sunday: Troy

Night Safari: Anacondas

with Nigel Marven

Shadows of the Sun

Lords of the Animals:

Dawn to Dusk



Sharey Teen Tala On Channel I at 8:25 pm Drama Serial Tropa Majumdar, Intekhab Diner

Gaston and the truffle Natural World: Vanishing Pools of the Zambezi Cheetahs in hot Spot Animal Planet Showcase: Biggest nose in Borneo Croc Files: Rodent's The Zoo O' Shea's Big Adventure

Mummies Forever Mystery of the Iceman ANIMAL 6:00 **PLANET** 6:30 Spiders from Mars

5:00 O' Shea's Big Adventure: Lost Worlds Champions of the wild Seahorses Champions of the Wild: Marmots Wild Island: Comings and Goings Crocodile Hunter

Saurians

Ox Killer

Animal Planet 10:30 Showcase: The Heart of a Lioness Predators: the Ultimate **Predators** Secret World of Gardens: Water World

Crocodile Hunter

Natural World: Cheetahs

Cats under the Serengeti

Diaries: Koala Mates

NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 11:30 Storm Stories

Myths & Logic Of Shaolin Kung Fu 1:30 Adventure Challenge 2:30 National Geographic Special Mission Wild Return To The Wild National Geographic On Assignme 6:00 Tomorrow's World

Storm Stories

Martial Arts

Adventure Challenge

9:30 Dim Sum Odyssey 10:30 Secrets Of The Sands **Built For Destruction** 11:30 STAR GOLD Geet Bahar 4:00

Chhoti Bahen

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8:30 Sahitfilmein Ek Duuie Ke Live 9:00 STAR WORLD 12:30 Monk 1:30

Buffy The Vampire Slaver Enterprise Wild Card Charmed Journeys In Asian

Cuisine Travel Asia Baywatch Hawaii Malcolm In The Middle Kumars At 42 8:30 Rendezvous With Simi 9:00 Garewal 9:30 Britannia India's Child

2004 Formula One Genius Highlights Barcelona Cover Story Top Drive Getaway Focus Asia 11:30 12:00 The X Files STAR PLUS

Chhupa Rustam

Mirch Masala

Sundaymatinee

Bachcha Party

22:00 Aatish

Mamla Gadbad Hai

Ek Mulagat

Vikraal Aur Gabraal

Gharwali Uparwali Aur

Koie Jane Na Star Plus

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Series

Mail Milap

Musafir Hoon Yaaror

Fox Kids Sunday - 500

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Motogp World Championship 2004 Le Mans France 250cc(L) 500cc (L)

Prix(T)

Hitz (T)

Magazine Show

Sri Lanka Tour Of

Series Bulawayo

Zimbabwe Zimbabwe vs

Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 3

Formula One Highlights

Spain Spanish Grand

2nd & 3rd Session (L)

ESPN Cricket Show Espn

Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R) Tennis Masters Series Masters Series Hamburg Hamburg Germany Semifinal Asian Pga Tour Bmw Asian Open Golf 2004 Day Four(L) Wrestling Apple Crush Cricket Show Espn

STAR SPORTS World Of Rugby World Of Rugby (T) Cricket Gold (T) Sri Lanka Tour Of Series Bulawayo Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs

Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights(R) Zimbabwe Zimsun Test Series Bulawayo Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 3 1st Session(L) 4:00 Uefa Champions League

Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R) Premiership Extra (R) Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows Uefa

Premiership Extra (R) Spanish Football League 2003/04 Spanish Football League (R) Sportscenter Weekend

Asian Pga Tour Bmw Asian Open Golf 2004 Day Four(R)

Magazine Show

Swimsuit 2002 Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader Calender Cozumel